

**March 14-15, 2026**

**BRADLEY BOURBONNAIS COMM HS**  
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# FOOT LOOSE E

**YOUTH EDITION**



**Directed By: Rhonda Stenzinger**

**Stage Adaptation By:**  
**Dean Pitchford & Walter**  
**Bobbie**

**Based On the Original**  
**Screenplay By:**  
**Dean Pitchford**

**Music By:**  
**Tom Snow**

**Lyrics By:**  
**Dean Pitchford**



**Additional music by:**

**Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins & Jim Steinman**

Illinois  
**ARTS**  
Council

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**KVTA**

# A Note from the Director . . .

What a privilege to work with this Staff and Cast! I've directed many musicals, but this is my first KVTA youth edition. I have loved this journey! Everyone in the Cast and Staff has worked so hard to bring you an awesome show! This musical has so many great songs to bring you back to the 80's. The script is relatable to most families. We all have had family heartbreak, death and teenage rebellion. And as a parent of 5 children, there would be no greater sadness than to lose a child. It's no wonder Rev. Shaw and the community overreacted to protect the rest of the town's kids. Thankful for the teens who fought through their hurts and were able to dance again., and for the parents and teens to show each other grace and forgiveness.

Ecclesiastes 3:4-5: There is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Special thanks to my supportive husband who I love and married in the great 80's. Patricia, my dancing sister. Darnell, our new fabulous vocal maestro. Danielle, a Dynamic Dancing machine, Sara who took on the Retro costumes, quick changes and all with a smile. Derek, Annie and Fleur who brought LCC straight to Bomont and ALL the other great Staff members who we could not have done without. What a joy to have you all as friends and my Theatre Family.

Keep On Dancing,

*Rhonda Stenzinger*

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# Scene Synopsis and Musical Numbers

## Scene 1: Chicago/The Town of Bomont, In Church

- Footloose/On Any Sunda.....Teens, Choir, Townspeople, Rev. Shaw

## Scene 2: The Churchyard

## Scene 3: Bomont High School

- I Can't Stand Still.....Ren
- Somebody's Eyes.....Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen, Townspeople

## Scene 4: The Burger Blast

- I'm Holding Out For a H.....Ariel, Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen, Girls

## Scene 5: The Plains of Bomont

## Scene 6: The Moore Home

- Somebody's Eyes Reprise..Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen, Chuck, Lyle, Travis
- Heaven Help Me.....Rev. Shaw

## Scene 7: Bomont High School/The Church

- I'm Free/Heaven Help Me.....Ren, Students, Rev. Shaw, Townspeople

## Scene 8: The Bar-B-Que Dance Hall

- Still Rockin'.....Cowgirl Bonnie, Cowboy Bob, Ensemble
- Let's Hear It For The Boy.....Rusty, Ensemble

## Scene 9: The Moore Home

- Can You Find It In Your Heart/Reprise.....Vi Moore

## Scene 10: Under the Bridge/Bridge

- Mama Says.....Willard, Jeter, Bickle, Garvin
- Almost Paradise.....Ren, Ariel

## Scene 11: The Town Hall

## Scene 12: The Moore Home

## Scene 13: The Church

- Can You Hear It In Your Heart Reprise

## Scene 14: The Dance

- Footloose.....Ren, Ariel, Townspeople

## Bows

# Cast of *Footloose: Youth Edition*

(\*Denotes first appearance in a Kankakee Valley Theatre Association production)

Ren McCormack.....	Hunter Lockhart
Ariel Moore.....	Olivia Zwirkoski
Reverend Shaw Moore.....	Kyren McElroy
Vi Moore.....	Ella Nitschke
Ethel McCormack.....	Sophia Sherrill
Willard Hewitt.....	Liam Lohrbach
Rusty.....	Alli Webb*
Wendy Jo.....	Anna Poole
Urleen.....	Lauryn Balk
Chuck Cranston.....	Austin Lyle
Lulu Warnicker/Council Member.....	Olivia Douglas
Wes Warnicker/Council Member/U/S Cowboy Bob.....	Aidan Troendle
Jeter/Cowboy Bob/U/S Ren, Willard, Shaw.....	Brady Perzee
Bickle/Marty.....	Carter Shule
Garvin/Danny.....	Kaliph Whitlow
Lyle/Stevie.....	Armando Figueroa*
Travis/Cowboy Chet.....	Aryan Kashyap
Cowgirl Bonnie.....	Katelynn McBurnie
Betty/Cowgirl Laura.....	Anneliese Troendle
Coach Roger Dunbar.....	Kane Rushing
Eleanor Dunbar/Council Member.....	Simone Copiskey
Principal Clark.....	Teagan Tomblin
Cop/Cowboy Jude/Council Member.....	Finn Schmidt
Lindsay/U/S Chicago Teens.....	Kinley Collins
Teen/Dance Ensemble.....	Lauryn Balk, Parker Birkey, Claire Brouillet*, Yazeni Calderon, Ruby Christensen, Cheyenne Clausing, Kinley Collins, Armando Figueroa*, Lindsey Hudgins, Melaina Hall-U/S Wendy Jo/Urleen/Rusty, Aryan Kashyap, Hadley Kirkland, Kylee Kothe, Hunter Lockhart, Liam Lohrbach, Charlee Mosher, Brady Perzee, Anna Poole, Kolbee Shoufler, Carter Shule, Alli Webb*, Kaliph Whitlow, Olivia Zwirkoski
Church Choir.....	Teens & Adults
Adult Ensemble.....	Gracyn Allen-U/S Ethel, Zoey Christensen, Odelia Kirkpatrick, Katelynn McBurnie, Brooklynn McGill, Amelia Nugent, Sophie Powell, June Rader, Lily Spear*
Bomont Children.....	Layla Birkey*, Stevie Martin*, Brynlee Shoufler
Heroes (Alternating).....	Douglas Balk, Darnell Crater, Marlow Jones, Zach Kirkland, Grant Sparenberg, Curtis Young, Michael Webb

# Production Staff

Director.....	<b>Rhonda Stenzinger</b>
Assistant Director.....	<b>Patricia Ferris</b>
Vocal Director.....	<b>Darnell Crater</b>
Choreographer.....	<b>Danielle Shoven</b>
Production Coordinator.....	<b>Nick Troendle</b>
Costumer.....	<b>Sara Christensen</b> Ashley Allen, Renee Broulliet, Kayla James, Michelle Lockhart, Lisa Poole, Becky Powell, Sharla Ronchetto, Margaret Sherill. Footloose Parents
Set Builder.....	<b>Derek Ferris</b> Paul Kothe, Shane Foster, Parents of Cast Members
Set Decorators.....	<b>Fleur K Breuker and Annie Gates</b> Connie Burt, Rosemary Babinski, Danielle Hanus
Properties.....	<b>Adam Zwirkoski</b> Jennifer Douglas
Stage Managers.....	<b>Jillian Aldridge and Stacy Kothe</b> Maria Calderon, Scott Christensen, Danielle Hanus, Anthony Hudgins, Zach Kirkland, Becky Kirkpatrick, Karen Shoufler
Makeup.....	<b>Elizabeth James</b> Amber Copiskey
Hair.....	<b>Cindy Grace and Amanda Balk</b> Patricia Ferris, Gina Jones, Marsha McBurnie
Kid Patrol.....	<b>Karen Shoufler</b>
Box Office .....	<b>Tricia Kohan and Gina O'Connor</b>
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House.....	<b>Andy Purcell</b>
Split-the-Pot.....	<b>Jim Kravat</b>
Program.....	<b>Christine Case and Kimberly Hall</b> Rhonda Stenzinger and Courtney Stephens
Publicity.....	<b>Jordyn Clark and Jackie Pletsch</b> Pathfinder, Andrew McBurnie, Karen Shoufler, Rhonda Stenzinger
Lights.....	<b>BAM Lighting, Brad Mietzner</b> Cole Pilbeam and Jakson Gilbert
Sound.....	<b>Main Street Music Production</b> Nick Troendle



## Meet the Cast

**Gracyn Allen (Adult Ensemble)** Gracyn is the daughter of Dave and Ashley Allen of Chebanse and is a junior at Clifton Central. Although Gracyn has been in many musicals, her favorite and most memorable show was *Newsies* at her high school. Gracyn would like to thank the amazing staff and cast for making this show so much fun! She would also like to thank her parents for their support and her vocal coach for all the help and support throughout the show!

**Lauryn Balk (Urleen/Teen/Dance Ensemble)** Lauryn is the daughter of Doug and Amanda Balk. She lives in Bourbonnais and is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at St. George Elementary School. Lauryn has been in many fun shows but her favorite role she has played is the Dragon in KVTA's *Shrek Jr.* Lauryn would like to thank everyone involved with *Footloose* for their encouragement and support throughout the whole process and for making the show so enjoyable. She would also like to thank her friends and family for always pushing her to try her best!

**Layla Birkey (Bomont Children Ensemble)** Layla is the daughter of Nick and Ashley Birkey. She lives in Bourbonnais and is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Alan B. Shepard Elementary School. This is Layla's first KVTA production. Layla would like to thank her parents for supporting and encouraging her in her very first show!

**Parker Birkey (Teen/Dance Ensemble)** Parker is the daughter of Nick and Ashley Birkey. She lives in Bourbonnais and is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Liberty Intermediate School. Her most recent role was playing Young Fiona in KVTA's production of *Shrek Jr.* She would like to thank the amazing cast for being encouraging and making her a better performer!

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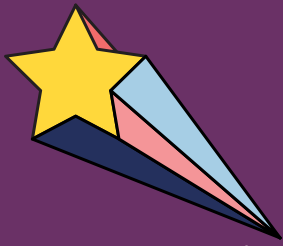
**Claire Brouillet (Teen/Dance Ensemble)** Is the daughter of Nicholas and Renee Brouillet of Kankakee. She is a sophomore at Bishop McNamara Catholic High School. Claire has been in a few shows at her school, but this is her first KVTA production. Claire would like to thank Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Ferris, Ms. Danielle, and Mr. Darnell for giving her this wonderful opportunity to be a part of this amazing cast! Also, thank you to her family for all their love and support.

**Yazeni Calderon (Teen/Dance Ensemble)** is the daughter of Antonio and Maria Calderon of Kankakee. She is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at LCC Montessori. Yazeni has been in several KVTA and KHS productions. She enjoys being on stage and is thankful for the opportunity to be part of the show. Yazeni would like to thank her family for the support and the directors for the trust they had on her to make this an awesome show.

**Ruby Christensen (Teen/Dance Ensemble)** is the daughter of Scott and Sara Christensen of Kankakee. She is a junior at Kankakee High School. Ruby has been in multiple KVTA and school productions. She loves to dance and is grateful for the opportunity to be in this fun show. She would like to thank her family for always cheering her on and the directors for trusting her in this show and giving her an opportunity to be a part of this terrific cast.

**Zoey Christensen (Adult Ensemble)** is the daughter of Scott and Sara Christensen of Kankakee. She is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Grace Christian Academy. Zoey has been in several productions but her favorite role was playing Hei-Hei in KVTA's *Moana Jr.* She would like to thank her family for all their support and the directors for giving her a chance to be a part of the *Footloose* community.





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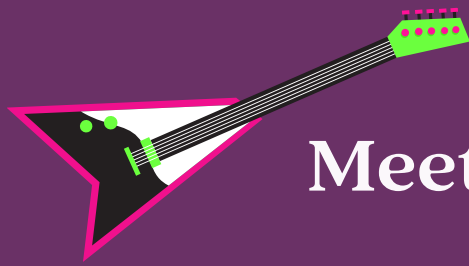


**Cheyenne Clausing (Teen/Dance Ensemble)** Cheyenne is the daughter of Randy and Jennifer Clausing of Peotone and is a 6th grader at Grace Christian Academy. She has appeared in several KVTA productions and loves participating in KTVA's summer camp each year. Her favorite show so far has been *Footloose*. She would like to give a special thank you to Ms. Rhonda for her flexibility as her undefeated volleyball team created a few scheduling conflicts. Cheyenne is incredibly grateful to the staff and her parents for their constant support and encouragement. She is so excited to be part of this amazing cast!

**Kinley Collins (Teen/Dance Ensemble/Lindsey)** Kinley is the daughter of Jerod and Kristin Collins of Bourbonnais. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center. Kinley has been in many productions with KVTA, but her favorite role was playing Nemo in *Finding Nemo, Jr.* Kinley would like to thank the staff and her parents for their help and encouragement. She is so grateful to be a part of this amazing cast!

**Simone Copiskey (Eleanor Dunbar)** Simone is the daughter of Amber and Travis Copiskey of Limestone. She is a junior at Herscher High School. Simone has been in many KVTA productions, and her favorite role was playing Mama Bear in *Shrek Jr.* Simone would like to thank the staff and cast for making this show the very best it can be.

**Olivia Douglas (Lulu)** Olivia is the daughter of Dan and Jennifer Douglas. She is a junior at BBCHS and lives in Bourbonnais. Her most memorable show is *Elf* because she was able to be in it with all her friends one last time before they moved away. Olivia would like to thank her directors for this opportunity and her parents for always supporting her.



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**Armando Figueroa (Teen Ensemble/Lyle/Stevie)** is the son of Araceli and Armando. He is an 8th grader at Manteno Middle School. This is Armando's first production with KVTA. He would like to thank his parents for all the support & the directors for giving him this great opportunity!

**Melaina Hall (Teen Ensemble/Understudy for Urleen, Wendy Jo, and Rusty)** Melaina is the daughter of Dan and Kimberly Hall of Kankakee. She is a freshman at Kankakee High School. She has performed in many productions, with one of her favorite roles being Pearl in *Finding Nemo Jr* with KVTA. Melaina would like to thank the *Footloose* staff for the amazing opportunity, her family for all their support, and Mrs. Alyssa for being such a supportive vocal teacher.

**Lindsey Hudgins (Teen Ensemble)** Lindsey is the daughter of Anthony and Laura Hudgins of Bourbonnais. She is a freshman at BBCHS. She has been in many productions, but her most recent role with KVTA was the role of Teen Fiona in *Shrek JR*. Lindsey would like to thank the staff and cast for this experience as it has been amazing!

**Aryan Kashyap (Travis/Cowboy Chet/Teen Ensemble)** Aryan is the son of Diganta and Doly Kalita of Bourbonnais. He is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at St. George School. This is Aryan's third show he has been in. His favorite show he has ever been in is *Finding Nemo Jr*. Aryan would like to show appreciation to the staff for showing new things to him and helping him strengthen his theater experience. He would also like to thank his fellow cast mates for showing great affection towards him and for how they made him feel welcome.

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**Hadley Kirkland (Teen/Dance Ensemble)** is the daughter of Zach and Sarah Kirkland of Kankakee. She is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Anne Grade School. *Footloose* will be Hadley's 7<sup>th</sup> KVTA production; her favorite role was being cast as one of the classroom kids in KVTA's *Matilda* last spring. Hadley would like to thank her family for always supporting her to continue pursuing theater and for the directors of *Footloose* for making this experience one for the memory books!

**Odelia Kirkpatrick (Adult Ensemble)** Odelia is the daughter of Brian and Rebecca Kirkpatrick. She is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is homeschooled. This is her third KVTA musical, and she is having an amazing time being part of the *Footloose* cast. Odelia is very thankful to everyone that has helped her have this opportunity and for making many unforgettable memories!

**Kylee Kothe (Teen/Dance Ensemble).** Kylee is the daughter of Paul and Stacy Kothe. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center. This is Kylee's 13<sup>th</sup> KVTA show and is probably one of her favorites along with her role as Rosa in KVTA's *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* She is always grateful to KVTA for allowing her to be a part of all these amazing productions. She wants to thank Mrs. Rhonda and staff for giving her this opportunity to be part of the amazing cast of *Footloose*. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her dreams.

**Hunter Lockhart (Ren)** is a sophomore at Reed-Custer High School and the son of Michelle and Scott Lockhart. He is thrilled to be part of this production! From the fun 80s vibes to dancing every night, it has been an incredible experience. Hunter would like to thank his parents for all the driving and support and everyone who encouraged him to audition.



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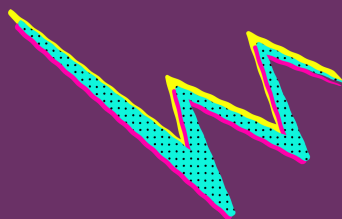


**Liam Lohrbach (Willard)** is the son of Val and Dave Lohrbach and is a ninth grader at Central High School in Clifton, Illinois. Although he's been in 9 other amazing shows, his most memorable role has to have been playing Jack Kelly in *Newsies* at his school. Liam would like to thank his parents for pushing him towards this great life, and his friends he met through KVTA that have been there for him when things get tough.

**Austin Lyle (Chuck)** is the son of Jeremy and Tracy Lyle and is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center. Austin has been in many KVTA productions, but his most recent role was playing the Ring Leader in *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* Austin would like to thank the staff and cast of the *Footloose* production for making it a great show!

**Stevie Martin (Bomont Children Ensemble)** Stevie is the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Martin of Bourbonnais. She is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Alan B. Shepard Elementary School. This is Stevie's first KVTA production, and she is so excited! She has made some great friends and has learned so much. Stevie would like to thank the director for casting her and her family for all of their love and support.

**Katelynn McBurnie (Cowgirl Bonnie/Adult Ensemble)** is the daughter of Matt and Marsha McBurnie. Katelynn is a junior at BBCHS, as well as an early college student at KCC. Katelynn has been involved with KVTA for many years, most recently performing as an ensemble member in *The Producers*. Katelynn would love to thank her family for supporting her love for all she does. She would also love to thank the KVTA staff for opening the opportunity to grow in fellowship with others, while growing as an actress herself.



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**Kyren McElroy (Reverend Shaw)** is a senior at Kankakee High School and attends KCC as a dual enrollment student. One previous theatre memory he has is connecting to so many people and having one of the best casts he's ever worked with during KVTA's *Finding Nemo Jr.* Kyren would like to thank the cast for being so talented, energetic, and comfortable to be who they are during this show!

**Brooklynn McGill (Adult Ensemble)** is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Montessori. This is her fifth musical with KVTA, with her most recent show being *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* Brooklynn is excited to be a part of this fun production. She would like to thank the directors and cast members for the opportunity to take the stage together displaying their talents.

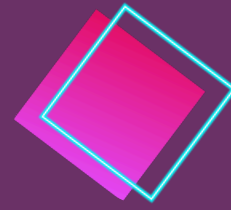
**Charlee Mosher (Teen Dance Ensemble)** is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Limestone Middle School. This is her fourth musical with KVTA, her most recent show being *The Christmas Schooner*. Charlee would like to thank the directors for casting her in this awesome show. Charlee can't wait to CUT up the dance floor with her fellow cast members!

**Ella Nitschke (Vi)** Ella is the daughter of Rebecca Nitschke and is a freshman at KCC. Ella has been in many musicals, but her most recent role was being the Blue Fairy in KVTA's *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* Ella would like to thank the directors for the opportunity to play this amazing role and the cast for all their love and support.

**Amelia Nugent (Adult Ensemble)** is the daughter of Devin and Monica Nugent of Manteno. She is an eighth-grader at Bishop McNamara Catholic School. Amelia has been in many KVTA productions, and her favorite role was Jane Banks in KVTA's *Mary Poppins Jr.* Amelia would like to thank her family for always supporting her.



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**Brady Perzee (Cowboy Bob, Jeter/Teen/Dance Ensemble)** is the son of Brad and Shannon Perzee of Ashkum and is a Senior at Clifton Central High School. Although Brady has been in many productions, his most recent was *Newsies* at his high school where he played Davey. Brady would like to thank his family for all of their support and the cast for making this such an amazing experience! Brady would like to give a special thank you to the directors for casting him in this amazing show and giving him so many opportunities!

**Anna Poole (Wendy Jo)** Anna Poole is the daughter of Lisa and Todd Poole. She is a sophomore at Clifton Central High School. Anna has been in a number of shows; her most recent role was Race in *Newsies*. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her, her friends for making this experience so much fun, and the directors for allowing her to be part of such a fantastic production!

**Sophie Powell (Adult Ensemble)** is the daughter of Zach and Becky Powell. She is a sophomore at Bishop McNamara Catholic High School. She has been in numerous shows. Her favorite show she's been in is KVTA's *Elf Jr.* She would like to thank the *Footloose* staff and cast members for being the most awesome people and Mrs. Rhonda for giving her a chance to be in an amazing show! To her parents, thank you for all of their support.

**June Rader (Adult Ensemble)** is the daughter of Trenton and Kristy Rader. She is a sixth grader who lives in Ashkum. She has enjoyed many roles in KVTA shows, but her role as Raggedy Andy in *My Son Pinocchio Jr* was her favorite! She would like to thank the director for casting her and her parents for supporting her passion for theatre!



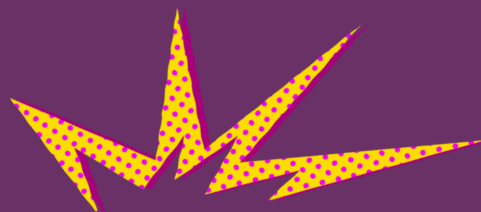
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**Kane Rushing (Coach Dunbar/Adult Ensemble)** Kane is the son of Rebecca and Emerson Rushing and is a sophomore at Herscher High School. Kane has been in many plays, and his most memorable role was The Big Bad Wolf in *Shrek Jr.* Kane would like to thank his parents for supporting him even through some rough times.

**Finn Schmidt (Cop/Cowboy Jude/Adult Ensemble)** Finn is the son of Meghan and Willie Schmidt of Monee. He is a 10th grader at Peotone High School. Finn has been in many musicals, but his most memorable was playing the role of Gepetto in *My Son Pinocchio Jr* with KVTA. Finn would like to thank his parents for their support and the directors for this awesome opportunity, as well as his vocal coach and awesome friends who always support him and his life-long passion for theatre!

**Sophia Sherrill (Ethel McCormack)** Sophia is the daughter of Brian and Margaret Sherrill of Chebanse. She is a freshman at Clifton Central High School. Sophia has been in many musicals but her most memorable role was Mike in *Newsies* at her high school. Sophia would like to thank her directors and castmates for making this an amazing 8th show. She would also like to thank her family for always supporting her love of theatre.

**Brynlee Shoufler (Bomont Children Ensemble)** is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Glenn Raymond Elementary in Watseka. She is the daughter of Adam and Karen Shoufler. She has been in several KVTA shows, but her favorite was being in the student ensemble in *Matilda*. Brynlee would like to thank the staff for casting her in this show and her parents for their support.





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**Kolbee Shoufler (Teen/Dance Ensemble)** is the daughter of Adam and Karen Shoufler. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Watseka Junior High. Kolbee has been in numerous KVTA shows with her favorite role being Lavender in *Matilda* last spring. Kolbee would like to thank the *Footloose* staff, her vocal coach, and her parents for believing in her and for their continued support of her love of theatre.

**Carter Shule (Bickle/Marty/Teen/Dance Ensemble)** is the son of Aaron and Erica Shule and is a freshman at Clifton Central High School. Carter has been in many musicals, but his favorite and most memorable was *Newsies* at his high school. Carter would like to thank his high school directors for pushing him and making him better to where he is today. He would also like to thank his parents for all the help and support, along with the cast and directors of *Footloose*.

**Lily Spear (Adult Ensemble)** is the child of Jonathan and Katrina Spear; They are an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at the Bourbonnais Upper Grade Centre and live in Bourbonnais. This is Lily's first musical with KVTA. They'd like to thank their parents for their support and for the *Footloose* directors for their effort and acceptance. They'd also like to thank their best friend, Eve. Lily says, "If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have even considered putting myself out there and auditioning for this musical. She's given me confidence to do so many amazing and fun things I would've missed out on."

**Teagan Tomblin (Principal Clark)** is the daughter of Brandon and Elizabeth Tomblin and is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Pauls Lutheran School. They currently live in Aroma Park. This is Teagan's second play with KVTA with her first being *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* Teagan says "Thank you to my parents and Mrs. Stirnaman for helping pursue my dream and for the *Footloose* staff for casting me in this show."

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**Aidan Troendle (Wes)** is the son of Nick and Stephanie Troendle. They currently live in Saint Anne, where Aidan is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is homeschooled. He has been in several KVTA shows but his favorite role was Bruce in *Matilda*. Aidan loves theater and is thankful to get to be a part of another KVTA show.

**Anneliese Troendle (Betty Blast)** is the daughter of Nick and Stephanie Troendle. Anneliese is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and is homeschooled in Saint Anne. She has been in several KVTA shows, and her favorite role was Sue in *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* Anneliese has loved being in *Footloose*.

**Alli Webb (Rusty)** She is the daughter of Ashley Tofari, Michael Smith, and Joshua Webb. Alli is a sophomore at Clifton Central High School. This is her ninth musical and her first KVTA production. Her most memorable role so far was in *Newsies*, where she played Katherine Plumber. She is excited that her Dad gets to be featured as the firefighter hero in *Footloose* for his first stage appearance. She would also like to thank the cast and directors for making this show such an amazing and fun experience. During this show, she made lots of new friends within the cast and is excited to be part of her first KVTA musical!

**Kaliph Whitlow (Garvin ,Danny)** is very excited to be apart of this production. Kaliph is the child of Christina and Kaliph, He has been a part of several KVTA productions, and he had also helped with many shows. Kaliph's favorite show was *Matilda* the musical. He wants to give all of the *Footloose* staff a thank you for allowing him to be in this show!

**Olivia Zwirkoski (Ariel)** is so excited to be a part of her ninth KVTA show! Olivia is the daughter of Adam and Kristin Zwirkoski and the sister to Ellie, Aliza, and Isaiah Zwirkoski. Theater is one of her favorite things, and she is so thankful to be in such an amazing and fun production! She is so blessed to be supported by such awesome family and friends. This is her favorite role that she's gotten to play, and she can't wait for opening night! She is so grateful that the directors have been so encouraging and that God gave her such a memorable opportunity.

# Meet the Production Staff

**Rhonda Stenzinger (Director)** It's been "Almost Paradise" being married to Richard, mother of 5 and Mimi to 7. Rhonda has been part of KVTA's family for over 35yrs, including almost every staff role possible. She says, "One of many of my favorite acting roles was the Wicked Witch. I'm thankful for the staff that has surrounded me with their 'Awesome' skills, and 'Let's hear it for the Boys and Girls' who have worked so hard to bring this fun show to you."

**Patricia Ferris (Assistant Director)** is married to Derek and has participated in numerous KVTA/YPT productions as a choreographer, hair chair, and cast member. She is employed with KSD 111 as the technology integration specialist. Patricia appreciates the opportunity to learn from Rhonda and work with an amazingly talented staff, crew, and cast!

**Darnell Crater (Vocal Director)** is making his debut as a vocal director for KVTA. He is married to Nicole Crater and is the choir director and guitar teacher at Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School. As a former actor and military veteran, he is amazed by all of these young people's talent He is happy to celebrate the joy of theatre with the next generation. Darnell says, "Thank you for the opportunity and break a leg to all of the cast and crew."

**Danielle Shoven (Choreographer)** has had a blast being the choreographer for this show! She is married to Bryan Shoven, and they have three awesome kids, Bryton, Brayen, and Bryah! Danielle has been a dance instructor at Paula Aubry School of Dance for many years. One of the past shows she loved choreographing was *Hairspray* with KVTA. She is so proud of the talent up on that stage and loves to spread the passion of dance with each child. She says, "Thank you for the amazing experience! "

**Nick Troendle (Production Coordinator and Sound Technician)** is a Professor of Biology at Olivet Nazarene University. He lives in Saint Anne with his wife, Stephanie, and their three kids, two of whom are in *Footloose*.

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**Sara Christensen (Costume Chair)** resides in Kankakee with her husband Scott and their two girls, Ruby and Zoey. Sara is employed at the Regional Office of Education in the attendance program. While she has helped with several productions, this is her first time costuming a show of this size. She'd like to thank Rhonda for giving her the opportunity to help bring this show to life for this fantastic cast.

**Derek Ferris (Set Builder Chair)** is married to Patricia and is employed at Olivet Nazarene University as the Executive Director of Advancement. He is "Still Rockin" his boots as a builder since the last time he was cast in *Footloose*. Derek appreciates the parents for helping build the set, and an extra shout out goes to Shane Foster and Paul Kothe who both volunteered many hours.

**Fleur Breuker (Co-Chair Set Design and Painting)** resides in Manteno, works at River Valley Physical Therapy as a patient care coordinator, and is the lead letterer for the comic book series "The Jet". This is the second KVTA production she has been involved with, Fleur has loved learning from experienced staff and seeing how when talented people come together, a little magic happens.

**Annie Gates Co chair (Co-Chair Set design and Painting)** Annie is married to Harlan, who always supports her in sharing her talent. This has been the fourth production she has helped with and the first time to co-chair. It has been a lot of fun for her to work with truly amazing artists that are sharing thier talent! She is in awe of the talent and expertise that everyone has shared to bring this lil piece of "Almost Paradise" to the stage.

**Adam Zwirkoski (Properties jChair)** resides in Manteno and is married to Kristin and is father to Olivia, Elliana, Aliza, and Isaiah. He works as a math teacher at Oak Lawn Community High School. Adam has enjoyed being a part of this fun show and has enjoyed being able to watch his daughter Olivia perform with such a great cast.

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**Jillian Aldridge (Co-Stage Manager)** resides in Bourbonnais with her family. She works at Bourbonnais Elementary School District as a teacher. While she has always enjoyed performing on stage, this is her first time helping to stage manage a show. She is thankful for all the help and knowledge that she has gained in this role and can't wait to see the finished product with the fantastic cast!

**Stacy Kothe (Co-Stage Manager)** Stacy is married to Paul and is mom to Kylee and Bryana. She resides in Bourbonnais and works at Bradley West. Stacy has had many roles in several KVTAs shows, but this is her first time as stage manager. She has enjoyed learning this role and always loves helping backstage and seeing all the amazing talent. She says, "Thank you Rhonda for the opportunity and trusting me to take on this task, and thank you for allowing me to be involved in *Footloose*- one of my favorite movies!!"

**Cindy Grace (Co-Hair Chair)** Cindy is married to Ryan and is mom to Ellen Williams, Derrick, Lindy, and Lena Weatherford. She works as a special education paraprofessional at BBCHS. She has performed in and been on staff for many KVTAs productions, including portraying Ethel and serving as hair and make-up chair for their 2008 production of *Footloose*. Cindy has enjoyed returning to the 80s to help recapture the looks she remembers from her high school years. She says, "Thank you to Rhonda for being understanding and to all those who helped fill in the gaps and made these kids look amazing!"

**Amanda Balk (Co-Hair Chair)** Amanda and her husband Doug live in Bourbonnais along with their two daughters, Lilli and Lauryn. Amanda is a paraprofessional for Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative. As a "retired" hairstylist, Amanda is excited to help these 80's looks come alive! She is thrilled to watch her daughter Lauryn perform as Urleen! She also can't wait to watch husband Doug be a part of this show! "Let's Hear It For The Boy!!"

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**Elizabeth James (Makeup Chair)** Elizabeth James is from Bradley, Il and is raising five children with her fiancé Jerrimy Robinson. Elizabeth works as a Business Development Center Admin for Ag Energy Co. She was recently seen as Mrs White for KVTA's *Clue: On Stage*. Elizabeth wants to thank Ms Rhonda for asking her to be the makeup chair for this show! Elizabeth states, "It's always a true gift to work with such talented kids!"

**Cole Pilbeam (Spotlight)** Cole is in the 8th grade at Manteno Middle School. He lives in Manteno with his mom, Megan, dad, Mike, sister, Sydney, and three dogs. Cole has recently been seen running lighting for KVTA's Blackbox productions including *Clue: On Stage*, *The Christmas Schooner*, *Urinetown*, and more. Cole would like to thank Mr. Brad for letting him help out with this show.

**Jakson Gilbert (Spotlight)** Jakson Gilbert is a freshman at Herscher High School. He lives in Limestone with his parents and sisters. His sister Charlee is part of the teen ensemble in *Footloose*. This is Jakson's first show running the spotlight.



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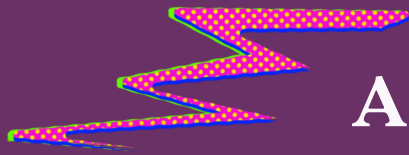
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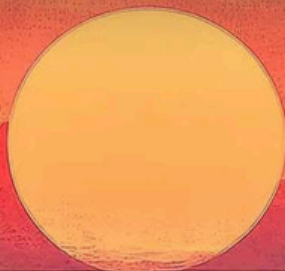


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